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Author Talks about Upcoming book, "Emerald Street"

Race, Class, Culture and the History of Hip-Hop in the Northwest.

Hip-hop in the Northwest has been shaped by local history. Because of this, the movement can be seen as living testimony to our region's social and political movements. This is the premise of Daudi Abe's soon-to-be published book, "Emerald Street: A History of Hip-Hop in Seattle."

Author Daudi Abe will examine the styles, energies and ideologies of hip hop in the Northwest at the Tumwater Timberland Library, Saturday, Feb. 18, from 2-4 p.m.

Abe's talk will examine the sweeping influence of local hip hop culture: Grammy-winning rappers, a world champion break dance crew, an internationally read hip-hop magazine, world-famous clothing designers and local producers who collaborated with some of the biggest names in music. He recognizes the movement's influence on grassroots organizations dedicated to community service and education.

Abe is a Seattle-based professor, writer, and historian who has taught and written about culture, race, gender, education, communication, hip-hop, and sports for over 20 years. He has appeared on national media such as MSNBC and The Tavis Smiley Show.

All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. The Tumwater Timberland Library is located at 7023 New Market St. For more information, contact the library at (360) 943-7790 or go to www.TRL.org.



Daudi Abe is a member of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau, which co-sponsored this program.

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance.

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